GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1403
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REQUIREMENT OF FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total annual requirement of fertilizers in the country;

(b) the target fixed for production of fertilizers and quantum thereof produced and imported to meet the demand during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the amount spent on indigenous production and import during the said period;

(d) the number of fertilizer plants approved to be set up during the last three years to improve indigenous production and the amount allocated in this regard; and

(e) the number of proposals of fertilizers projects pending with the Government for approval and the time by which these project proposals are likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): Consolidate information on the total annual requirement of fertilizers in terms of nutrients, their target and actual production as well as import are given in the enclosed Annexure-I.

(c): Year-wise amount spent on indigenous production and import during last three years is as below:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Amount of concession disbursed on decontrolled fertilizers	Amount of subsidy disbursed on urea		
		Indigenous	Imported	Total
1997-98	2595.85	6600.00	721.96	7321.96
1998-99	3789.94	7473.00	124.22	7597.22
1999-2000	4500.00	8670.00	74.07	8744.07

(d) & (e):As per the industrial policy resolution dated 24th July, 1991, no license is normally required for setting up/expansion of fertilizer plants. Entrepreneurs are free to set up fertilizer projects anywhere in the country subject to environmental clearance. However, Public Sector Undertakings/Cooperative Societies under the administrative control of the Department of Fertilizers have to obtain approval of the Government before undertaking such capital expenditure beyond their delegated powers. The details of such major public sector fertilizer projects approved by the Government during the last three years which are under implementation at present are given in Annexure-II. The details of public/cooperative sector fertilizer projects submitted for investment approval of the Government under the prescribed procedure are given in the Annexure-III.These proposals were approved `in principle' by the Government subject to investment appraisal by the Public Investment Board (PIB).Investment appraisal of the projects was undertaken by PIB in July, 1999.A proposal for taking a final investment decision on the projects, was considered by the Government in June, 2000 and was deferred.

Annexure-I

Statement referred to in part (a) & (b) of the Lok Sabha unstarred Question No.1403 to be answered on 28-11-2000

The total annual requirement of fertilizers in terms of nutrients, targets for production and actual production as well as import is given below:

(in lakh tonnes)

Fertilizers	Annual requirement	Target for production	Actual production	Imports
nutrients				

1997-98	1998-99	99-2000	1997-98	1998-99	99-2000	1997-98	1998-99	99-2000	1997-98	1998-99	99-2000
Nitrogen	109.01	113.54	115.93	96.10	106.82	110.67	100.86	104.80	108.90	13.62	6.35	8.33
Phosphate	39.54	41.12	47.99	28.60	30.27	33.45	29.76	31.41	33.99	6.72	9.68	15.03
Potash	13.72	13.32	16.78	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.40	15.42	17.39
Total	161.88	167.97	180.70	124.70	137.09	144.12	130.62	136.20	142.89	31.74	31.45	40.75

The entire quantity of Potash is met through import.

Annexure II

Statement referred to in part (d) of the Lok Sabha unstarred Question No. 1403 to be answered on 28-11-2000

Details of Public Sector fertrilizer projects approved by the Government during the last three years, which are under implementation:

SN	Name of the project, location and Company/ Cooperative	Estimated capital cost (Rs.crore)	Product	Capacity (in lakh MTPA)	Zero date	Scheduled date of commissioning	Remarks
1	Revamp of Namrup Plantsof Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC), Namrup, Assam	350.00	Urea	5.30	2.11.98	1.5.2001	A total amount of Rs. 144.69 crore has been allocated for the project upto 2000-01 through budgetary support.
2	National Fertilizers Ltd. (NFL) (urea plant expansion project), Nangal, Punjab	135.13	Urea	1.48	11.5.99	11.5.2001	The project is being funded through internal resources of NFL

Annexure - III

Statement referred to in part (e) of the Lok Sabha unstarred Question No. 1403 to be answered on 28-11-2000

Project proposals posed to the Government by public/cooperative units for investment approval

SN	NAME OF THE PSU/ COOPERATIVE	LOCATION	PROPOSED CAPITAL COST	ESTIMATED ENVISAGED Product	PRODUCTION Capacity	COMPLETION SCHEDULE
			(RS.CRORE)		(lakh MTPA)	
1	Krishak Bharati Cooperative Ltd.(KRIBHCO) (Third stream ammonia-urea expansion project)	Hazira, Gujarat	1318	Urea	7.68	36 months from the zero date
2	KRIBHCO (New ammonia-urea plant at the existing site of FCI)	Gorakhpur, UP	1536	Urea	7.68	36 months from the zero date
3	Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Ltd.(IFFCO) (Grassroots)	Nellore, Andhra Pradesh	1736	Urea	7.68	39 months from the zero date
4	Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers (RCF) (ammonia-urea expansion project)	Thal, Maharashtra	1332	Urea	7.68	36 months from the zero date
			1332	Urea	7.68	36 months from the zero date

Zero date is the date of approval of the proposal by the Government.